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Facts and Figures Iowa Board of Parole Board

Overview:

The Iowa Board of Parole was established in 1907 by the 37th General assembly. The Board is comprised of one full-time chairperson, one full-time vice-chairperson, and three per diem members who are appointed by the Governor and conformed by the Senate for staggered four year terms. The Board is responsible directly to the Governor, and the chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Governor. During the 1998 legislative session, the General Assembly funded a vice-chairperson position to assist with administrative responsibilities of the Board. The Board has its own support staff but receives administrative support services from the Iowa Department of Corrections.

The Iowa Board of Parole's mission is to reintegrate offenders into the community who can be released from prison without detriment to the public or themselves.

To achieve this mission, the Board:

- * Performs periodic, objective risk evaluations for prison inmates, hold hearings with eligible inmates and selects viable candidates for conditional release on parole and work release.
- * Revokes the conditional release and returns to prison those offenders who fail while on parole and work release.
- * Provides for an early release program for offenders convicted of certain property crimes.
- * Notifies victims of relevant information not less than 20 days before a parole hearing, so victims opinion's may be considered when making parole and work release decisions.
- * Advises the Governor on matters of executive clemency.

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Fiscal Year 2002

Total number of persons on parole at the end of FY 2002 - **5,500**

Total number of parole deliberations - **10,797**

Total number of cases reviewed - **8,664**

Total number of paroles granted - **3,623**

Total number of work releases granted - **1,239**

Total of paroles revoked were only 521 with only 7 of these revocations were due to new forcible felonies.

Total number of paroles denied - **5,935**

Current prison population as of January 10, 2003 - **8,364**

Prison population on June 30, 2002 - **8,171**

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Fiscal Year 1992

Total number of persons on parole at the end of FY 1992 - **2,117**

Total number of parole deliberations - **7,139**

Total number of cases reviewed - **3,665**

Total number of paroles granted - **2,208**

Total number of work releases granted - **768**

Prison population on June 30, 1992 - **4,485**